





Sunday 14th October 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Assistant Priests: Fr. Dong Tran & Fr. Tao Pham

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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Mass Times

Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am *Tuesday to Friday:* Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm

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Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

Monday: Communion Service 9.15am Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am 1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at

St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

Parish School Principal

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St. Thomas the Apostle

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Secretaries: Mary Gargan & Lisa Leahy

Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

Parish School Principal

Mr David Delaney *Ph:* 9434 4565 *or Email* principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 20th & 21st October

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: P. Leonard, C. Bell, T. Sirianni, J. Pittle, Y. O'Brien.

Reader: C. Fernando Commentator: B. Ward Welcoming: P. Thomas

Set-Up: P. Leonard Counters: C. Bell, F. Peckham, Y. O'Brien Cleaners: M. Dunn

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 3rd November, 2018

Special Ministers: B. Greaves, H. Edmonds, R. Nicolaisen

Reader: P. Leonard **Commentator:** M. Millard **Set-Up:** P. Frisby

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE Vigil 6.00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6.00pm: S. Bishop, L. Carty, A. McCarthy, K. McMahon, T. Holland **Special Minsters 10:30am:** F. Landy, E. Iacobucci, E. Sutherland, D. Nixon, R. Rendina

6.00pm: Reader: M. Gargan Commentator: S. McMahon Set-Up: J. De Carlo 10:30am: Reader: R. Rendina Commentator: A. Tomasiello Set-Up: J. Kerr

Counters: K. Irvine, S. King, H. Weir Cleaners: 20th October: L. Carty, J. De Carlo

DATES FOR THE DIARY

(Full details listed inside)

October Wed 17th

Seniors Moments Lunch in Parish Centre Diamond Creek

Wed 17th Liturgy Meeting Sacred Heart 7.30pm

November

Wed. 7th Senior Moments Lunch Diamond Creek Tavern.

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Diamond Creek: Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale, June Saunders, Marjana Susec, Lucy Cassin, Julia Liddard, Sue Farrell

Greensborough North: Marg Dobson, Maurita Munro, Nathan Zuzic, Doug Armstrong, Beling Dasilda, May Teycheney, Marie Pfitzer, A sick parishioner, Sandra Bishop, Matthew Mc Ginley, Nancy Marzella, Marilyn Manison, Kathleen Jordan (Sue McMahon's mother).

We pray for Leo Hart who died this week and for all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of October that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Felicia Ongarello, Salvatore Caputo, Fr Leo Pascoe, Colin Elliott, Emma Goodge, Ken Nettleton, Patrick Finlayson, Maurie Roadley, Guido Pariocco, Mary Moran, Helen Paul, Shirley Fraser, Katherine Biskup, Marianna Sacchetta, Reg Carr, Francis Bohan, Bill Watson, Pat Pelly, Frank Green, Vincenzina Varalla,

COMMUNITY LIFE

<u>SENIORS MOMENTS:</u> Wednesday 17th October Lunch in Parish Centre. Wednesday 7th November Senior Moments Lunch Diamond Creek Tavern.

<u>INVITATION</u> to the Book Launch "*Even God Smiled" by Fr Kevin Burke* Sunday 14th October 3pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Eltham. The book will be launched by *Fr Bob Maguire* and proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Fr Bob Maguire Foundation and the Ozanam House Redevelopment. RSVP by 8th October olhc@alphalink.com.au or 94399206

<u>ST MARY'S MATURE GROUP</u> On 14th November you are invited to join us in the James Kierce Centre, where we will be having a demonstration by Myriad Glass, you can purchase earlier Christmas presents. Bookings contact Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298, Kay 9435 5736.

<u>MAJELAN CHRISTMAS CARDS</u> are available in the Gathering Space at St Thomas for \$6.00 for a pack of 10 cards. <u>LITURGY MEETING</u> of the St Thomas and Sacred Heart Liturgy Team Wednesday 17 October, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart. <u>RESPONSE FROM FR STEVEN</u> to the concerns about clericalism, leadership and scandal of sexual abuse. This response is available on green paper in the Gathering Space.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Monday: St Teresa of Jesus Wednesday: St Ignatius of Antioch Thursday: St Luke THE WAY OF THE PRAYER GROUP: you are invited to join us in celebrating mass on Thursday 18th October at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street Eltham. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise and Worship followed by Mass. Prayer Ministry and supper will be available. For further details please contact, Rose 9434 3962.

<u>LOOKING TOWARDS ALL SAINTS DAY</u> - Reflection Morning - Saturday October 27 – 10.00 TO 11.30am - at Currajeen Retreat Centre, 811 Bridge Inn Rd, Doreen (white tyres at entry) 0400 797 100. You are invited to join Sr. Maureen in celebrating our Ancestors, our favourite Saints. All are welcome!

<u>GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS:</u> Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. These Hosts can be found on the Offertory Table prior to Mass, please feel free to place a Host in the Pix provided.

FORMATION IN FAITH

RCIA: If you are interested in learning more about your Catholic faith or perhaps looking at becoming a member of the Catholic Church please contact Mandy through either of the Parish Offices

<u>MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE</u>: is available in the Gathering Space. This month the main thread is listening not only to each other but to what God has in mind for us as individuals.

<u>LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN</u> a workshop will be held on Tuesday 13th November 2018, 7pm - 9pm (light refreshments from 6.30pm) St Mary's Parish, Grimshaw St, Greensborough. To support parishes in this mission, Mary Ryan from the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation (AOFE) will present this workshop for parents, parishioners, school staff and all those serving or interested in this important parish ministry. All welcome. To register please contact the St Mary's Parish Office on 9435 1543 or by email greensborough@cam.org.au



HIGH TEA THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the High Tea on Sunday 7th October. Our thanks to all who cooked and cleaned and served then helped with the clean-up. We really appreciated your help. Overall the day was a great success. Special thanks to our musicians Claire and Paul. The Organising Team

EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts,
The Presbytery collection/account (1st coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.
The Church collection/account (2nd coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR WWCC

If you perform any voluntary work in the parish you are required to obtain a WWCC. Anyone who hasn't obtained one as yet we ask that you do so as soon as possible. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au
Many thanks Pat and Mary.



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PLENARY 2020—STAY TUNED—THIS PLENARY IS VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH—EVERY

PERSON'S VOICE NEEDS TO BE HEARD. . All Australians are invited to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

FOR YOUR COMFORT DURING MASS

Our churches at both Sacred Heart and St. Thomas have been designed to accommodate a posture of standing during the Eucharistic Prayer. However, this should not restrict people who find standing for any length of time difficult. Please feel free to sit at any time if necessary.

LIVING ICONS: MOTHERS, FATHERS & THE GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY

This year, the Archdiocese of Melbourne's *Life, Marriage & Family Sunday* takes up this idea with the theme: *Living Icons - Mothers, Fathers and the Gospel of the Family*. Resources created, look at the unique yet complementary gifts of motherhood and fatherhood and the powerful role, parents play in raising and forming their children. While none of us are perfect, children are best served when those they look up – especially their parents – resolve never to stop striving for the perfection that Christ calls us to (Mt 5:48). The resources that can be viewed online at www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily have been designed to give practical suggestions and tips to encourage all, in the daily realities of family life. Booklets are available in the Gathering Space as well for free.

NILLUMBIK AND BANYULE COMBINED CHURCHES GREENSBOROUGH PLAZA COMMUNITY CONNECTOR (CHAPLAIN) INITIATIVE

An exciting new project has been embarked upon by the local Christian churches together with the Greensborough Plaza Management Committee and Banyule Council to engage a Greensborough Plaza Community Connector (Chaplain). I have been part of the committee preparing for this venture for some time and we have finally appointed a person for this role. In time, this person will also extend an invitation to parishioners to work with her on programs she intends to establish for users of the Plaza. I see this as a great opportunity to participate in a "ministry in the marketplace". A woman, Lorel Wall, who has extensive experience in ministry, has been appointed to the role. An invitation has been extended to parishioners to celebrate, meet, greet and induct in her new role, at All Saints Anglican Church, 5:00- 6:00pm Thursday 25th October 2018. This is an exciting opportunity as local churches, to partner with the Greensborough Plaza Management in bringing support and care to our community.

Fr. Steven

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

<u>SCRIPTURE TALKS</u> at **St John's Heidelberg Thurs. 25th Oct. and Thurs. 1st Nov. 7.30pm to 9pm**, in the Francis Xavier meeting room **Parish House.** Talk by Fr Brendan Byrne sj. Topic: Continuity and Surprise: Exploring St Luke's Account of the Childhood of Jesus.

MARCELLIN COLLEGE MEMORIAL MASS for Deceased Students will be celebrated on Thursday 1st November at 7.30pm in the College chapel by Fr Steven Rigo (Old Collegian 1973), followed by supper. Parents, family and friends of deceased Marcellin students are welcome and encouraged toattend this annual memorial service. Enquiries Mary Norden 9842 3080 BROCHURES FOR THE CATHOLIC WALKING CLUB of Victoria current Walks Program available in the Churches. CONSIDERING AN ASSIGNMENT ABROAD? Find out how the Palms approach has assisted just, sustainable development since 1961! Palms' Director, Roger O'Halloran Halloran is Halloran invites you to our latest Info Night at Ross House Jenny Florence Room 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Tuesday 16 Oct, 5:30 pm Find out more at www.palms.org.au/events or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333 Hear how Palms educators, health and development personnel have exchanged skills to improve opportunity for Asian, African and Pacific communities. Find out where your professional knowledge can make a real, lasting contribution, or Just hear more about it...

<u>RELEASING THE GENIUS FROM WITHIN</u> – A workshop for spiritual directors and those accompanying others on their spiritual journey. Contemplative in nature, it will offer opportunities to explore how one might use creative arts to assist in the 'unfolding experience'. At Heart of Life, Box Hill, Saturday 20 October, 10am-4pm. Cost \$60 (BYO lunch). Enquiries and bookings - holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne

<u>YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION</u> are holding an information Night on Tuesday 13th November 7.30pm—8.30pm out lining the course available for 2019. A Prospectus is available in the Gathering Space for you to take home.

For any further information on some items in today's newsletter please feel free to visit your Parish Website

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

14 October 2018

First Reading Wis 7:7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

- I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
- compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
- I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer.
- for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,

and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

- (R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!
- 1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
- In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. (R.)
- 3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 4:12-13

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:17-30 or (shorter form Mk 10:17-27)

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

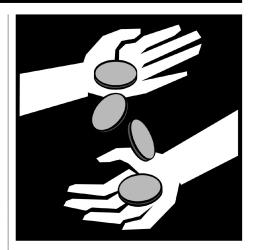
Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad. for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The man in this story is described (at the end) as a man of great wealth, so that when Jesus says 'There is one thing you lack', it would have got his attention. But he learnt to his shock that what he lacked was the bigheartedness which would enable him to give up the security and status and power which came with his possessions.

Jesus was not satisfied with the wealthy man's minimalist agenda of keeping the commandments. He is just as dissatisfied with us. We each know what is holding us back from being a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. At some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know, what it is we are hanging onto: the one thing we cannot, will not, give up, the one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get rid of it.

There is only one thing that can give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed. In this Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' This is not the glare of the critical eye but similar to the gaze of a parent on a newborn child, envisaging and encouraging a beautiful future for that child.

We could take a moment to pray, 'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable me to follow you more nearly. Give me the courage which can only come from knowing that you gaze steadily at me and love me.'

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